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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1651

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), AU

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO VIENNA

REF: STATE 103237

### 1. ACCOMMODATIONS.

A. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NORMALLY AT PREMIUM DURING MAY, MAJOR TOURIST MONTH IN VIENNA. TIGHT HOTEL SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY VIENNA SPRING CULTURAL FESTIVAL (WITH VON KARAJAN DIRECTING SEVERAL PERFORMANCES), AND CONGRESS OF AMERICAN YOUNG PRESIDENTS.

B. GOA ASKED HOTEL IMPERIAL, WHERE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND STATE NORMALLY STAY, TO RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL PARTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER EMBASSY RAISED VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WITH CHANCELLOR. ON BASIS REFTTEL, ACCOMMODATION SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED TODAY WITH BEROLDINGEN FROM CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE WHO IS IN CHARGE OF VISIT ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID IMPERIAL HAS COME UP WITH ELEVEN ROOMS, INCLUDING SUITE FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

C. BEROLDINGEN AND HOTEL DIRECTORS PROMISED TO MAKE BEST-EFFORT TRY BY MIDDAY MAY 9 TO MAKE AVAILABLE NUMBER OF ROOMS  
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NEEDED FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AT IMPERIAL AND BRISTOL (TWO BLOCKS FROM IMPERIAL). THIS WOULD MEAN SPLITTING THE PARTY. WE THINK THE HOTELS WILL FALL SHORT OF NUMBER OF ROOMS DESIRED.

D. ALTERNATIVE IS TO ACCOMMODATE VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AT HILTON, VIENNA'S NEWEST AND LARGEST HOTEL. HILTON IS ANXIOUS

TO HAVE VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND ASSURES US IT CAN  
SUITABLY ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE GROUP.

E. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION BY MORNING MAY 9 TO RESERVE SPACE  
AT HILTON, SHOULD IMPERIAL/BRISTOL DIRECTORS BE UNABLE TO  
MAKE AVAILABLE REQUIRED ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. VENUE FOR MONDALE-VORSTER TOLKS: BECAUSE OF TIME  
PRESSURES, AUSTRIANS ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH PREPARATIONS  
TO MAKE REDOUTENSAAL (LARGE CONFERENCE-TYPE ROOM) IN HOFBURG  
AVAILABLE FOR TALKS AND TO ESTABLISH PRESS CENTER IN SAME  
BUILDING. WHILE WE HAVE CAUTIONED THEM ON FACT WE CANNOT  
MAKE ANY COMMITMENT ON ACCEPTABILITY OF SITE TO U.S. SIDE  
PENDING ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTY (SAG PARTY ARRIVING MAY 8),  
AUSTRIANS ARE NOW PLANNING TO BEGIN PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION,  
ETC. ON MONDAY MORNING, MAY 9.

3. BEROLDINGEN ASKED WHETHER VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY  
WOULD INCLUDE ANY SPOUSES. QUERY PROMPTED BY FACT SAG PM  
AND FM WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH WIVES. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT IS POLCOUNS  
FRANK G. TRINKA. OFFICE TELEPHONE: 34-66-11, ETC.  
2220; HOME TELEPHONE: 34-74-29.MEEHAN

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